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[redacted] report on the Sonder Bau Buero in Luckenwalde. Information is given under the following headings: (1) General, (2) Projects Under Development and Controlled Directly by the Sonder Bau Buero in Luckenwalde (with the following subheadings): (a) Briesen Airfield, (b) Rochau Fuel Installation - Object 605, (c) Klein Bahren (Sonnewalde) - Object 606, (d) Jueterbog Airfield, (e) Jueterbog Damm, (f) Forst Zinna, (g) Welzow Airfield, (h) Finsterwalde Airfield, (i) Luckau-Alteno Airfield, (j) Falkenburg/Elster, (k) Luckenwalde, (3) New Supply Responsibilities for the Rochau and Klein Bahren (Sonnewalde) Depots, (4) Building Firms Contracted by the Sonder Bau Buero in Luckenwalde and Employed on Various Military/Air Complexes (with the following subheadings): (a) Jueterbog, (b) Briesen, (c) Rochau, (d) Klein Bahren, (e) Falkenberg, (f) Luckau-Alteno, (g) Forst Zinna, (5) Personalities (a list of Soviet officers and German engineers). Three sketches are also included: (1) Attachment A shows the method of construction and the layout of hangars at Briesen airfield. (2) Attachment B shows the method of construction of the water containers around Briesen airfield. (3) Attachment C shows the method of construction of the concrete ammunition shelters at Briesen and Welzow airfields.

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Attached as Appendix "A" is a rough sketch plan showing the method of construction and layout of the hangars recently constructed at BRIESEN.

Attached as Appendix "B" is a sketch plan showing the method of construction of the water containers under construction around BRIESEN airfield.

Attached as Appendix "C" is a sketch plan showing the method of construction of the standard concrete ammunition storage shelters now under construction at BRIESEN and WELZOW airfields.

1. GENERAL

The SONDERBAUBÜRO, LÜCKENWALDE is entirely German staffed and is directly subordinate to the Russian KETCH LÜCKENWALDE. The KETCH itself is entirely Russian manned and is controlled directly by the Russian KEO in GHQ WUNSDORF.

2. PROJECTS UNDER DEVELOPMENT AND CONTROLLED DIRECTLY BY SONDERBAUBÜRO LÜCKENWALDE(a) *xAirport Germany*  
BRIESEN Airfield - Object 604

- i) The erection of four wood/steel framed hangars and new apron adjoining the taxiway at approx MRs VT 135 657 and VT 142 656. These four hangars are spaced approx 80 m. apart and have a single entrance with four sliding doors. (See sketch at Appendix "A")
- ii) The construction of six prefabricated officers' married quarters, each building consisting of four self-contained flats.
- iii) The erection of one hospital building at approximately VT 141 653.
- iv) The construction of two deep wells spaced 162 m. apart and 52 m. in depth, with an associated water filter plant at approx VT 128 657 and VT 129 657. The wells consist of metal shafts 80 cms in diameter, each of which has a powerful pump at the base. Twelve circular concrete water storage tanks are being built at various places around the airfield perimeter. (See sketch plan at Appendix "B"). An underground continuous water pipe line 10 cms in diameter and buried approximately  $1\frac{1}{2}$  m. under the ground is being laid to connect this filter plant to the twelve water storage containers. There is no direct inlet to any of the storage tanks, but adjoining each there is a water hydrant.

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- v) An extensive new fuel storage installation is under construction at approx VT 158 649. This installation will consist of 153 buried tanks, each of the standard 25,000 litre type. These tanks will be laid in beds of four and the site connected by a new rail spur and a heavy access road. A pipe line is to be built from this fuel installation across to the main built-up area of the airfield in the vicinity of the hangar site.
- vi) A new ammunition storage installation is under construction in the NORTHEAST corner of the airfield at approx VT 150 670. Within this area, thirteen identical concrete shelters are under construction, the shelters being equally spaced 35 m. apart along either side of a new roadway. The shelters are each  $3\frac{1}{2}$  m. below surface level and each measure 28 m. x 12 m. A shallow incline approximately 20 m. in length leads down to each bunker and both ends of the shelter are completely open. (See full details of construction at Appendix "C").

(b) ROCHAU Fuel Installation - Object 605

- i) This extensive underground fuel storage depot has a total capacity of 5,000,000 litres. The fuel is stored in a series of standard 25,000 litre fuel tanks, all of which have been buried in beds of four tanks.
- ii) The S.A.F. authorities took over this installation on 1st April 1956, but a detachment of BAU UNION POTSDAM have remained until late August undertaking the completion of the entire depot.
- iii) This installation is used solely for the storage of jet aircraft fuel (Kerosene). Train loads of this jet fuel so far off-loaded at this depot have mostly originated from LEUNA.

(c) KLEIN BAHREN (SONNEWALDE) - Object 606

- i) The construction of this underground fuel storage installation is being undertaken in two stages. The initial portion of the installation has been completed and consists of 120 standard 25,000 litre fuel tanks, each of which have been buried in beds of four tanks in a similar fashion to the ROCHAU construction. This particular portion of the depot is to be used for the storage of normal MT and aircraft petrol.  
The second and larger portion of the installation now being developed adjoins the western side of the initial portion, and will consist of a further 300 standard 25,000 litre fuel tanks, again all of which will be buried in beds of four tanks. This second and larger portion of the installation is for the storage of jet aircraft fuel (Kerosene). When completed, the entire depot will be able to store approx 10,000,000 litres of fuel of all types.
- ii) The entire depot has not as yet been taken over by the S.A.F. authorities, and as far as is known no fuel deliveries have yet been received.

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- iii) The BAU UNION SUD are in the process of laying down a series of rail spurs into the depot from the adjoining main railway line.

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JÜTERBOG Airfield

- i) A series of semi underground concrete ammunition shelters identical with those at BRIESEN airfield are now under construction. The exact number of these shelters is unknown.
- ii) Two deep wells are under construction and a water pipe line is to be built around the entire airfield perimeter.
- iii) Various improvements are being undertaken on the airfield domestic site.

(e) JÜTERBOG Damm

- i) Repairs and overhauling of the existing barrack complex is being undertaken.
- ii) Repairs are being undertaken to the existing aircraft hangars.
- iii) Reconditioning of a portion of the perimeter taxitrack is being carried out, but there is no knowledge of any proposal to lay down a runway of any sort.

(f) FORST ZINNA

An extensive new barracks complex is now being undertaken in this camp.

(g) *X Airport Germany*  
WELZOW Airfield

Extensive development of this airfield is now being undertaken, including the following:-

- i) Reconstruction of former Luftwaffe hangars.
- ii) Enlargement of existing ammunition depot.
- iii) Building of new married quarters site.
- iv) There are unconfirmed rumours (from a S.A.F. engineer) of proposed laying down of a new taxiway. (This is believed to be a misquotation for a runway.)

(h) *X Airport Germany*  
FINSTERWALDE Airfield

As far as is known the only work being undertaken on this airfield are minor developments to the domestic site.

- Note: i) This airfield has been taken over entirely by KVP(Luft).
- ii) The main runway was lengthened during 1954/55 by the BAU UNION SUD. Exact details of the amount of extension are not at present known.

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ALDENOW Airfield

*Airport Germany*

This former landing field is now being reconditioned and enlarged for the KVP(Luft). Only the landing area is to be increased and at present no runway construction is envisaged.

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FALKENBURG/ELSTER

The airfield at ALT LÖNNEWITZ is to be developed as follows:-

- i) An extensive new drainage project is being undertaken.
- ii) A new water system comprising two deep wells has been commenced. At present it is not known whether an associated continuous water pipe line is also to be laid down.
- iii) A new fuel depot is to be sited.

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LÜCKENWALDE

A complete rebuild of the old wartime STALAG compound has been commenced and brick barrack blocks will replace the former wooden huts.

MISCELLANEOUS

According to a statement made by a visiting S.A.F. engineering officer during the official take-over of the ROCHAU fuel dump, the new policy now is to pair off fuel depots and make them responsible for five or six neighbouring airfields. In this particular case, it was stated that ROCHAU and KLEIN BAHREN (SONNEWALDE) Depots would be responsible for supplying the following airfields:-

JÜTERBOG  
BRIESEN  
FINSTERWALDE  
ALT LÖNNEWITZ  
ALDENOW  
WELZOW

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BUILDING FIRMS CONTRACTED BY THE S.B.B. LÜCKENWALDE AND EMPLOYED ON VARIOUS MILITARY/AIR COMPLEXES

(a) JÜTERBOG:-

\* BAU UNION POTSDAM  
\* Fa KLEMM/DESSAU

(b) BRIESEN:-

\* BAU UNION KOHLE/LAUCHHAMMER  
\* Fa DOIL/HERZBERG  
\* BAU UNION SUD / DRESDEN

(c) ROCHAU:-

\* BAU UNION POTSDAM  
\* VEB (K) SCHLIEBEN  
\* Fa DOIL/HERZBERG  
\* Fa KLEMM/DESSAU

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- (d) KLEIN BAHREN:- BAU UNION KOHLE/LAUCHHAMMER  
Fa SCHMARSEL/BERLIN  
BAU UNION SÜD / DRESDEN
- (e) FALKENBERG:- BAU UNION SÜD / DRESDEN  
Fa DOIL/HERZBERG
- (f) ALTENOW:- BAU UNION SÜD / DRESDEN
- (g) FORST ZINNA:- BAU UNION POTSDAM

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PERSONALITIES(a) Russiani) KETCH LUCKENWALDE

~~(Lt Col) WAGANOW, Head of KETCH~~  
~~(Lt Col) PETROW, Chief Engineer~~  
~~(Lt Col) SCHEITANOW, Political Officer~~  
~~(Maj) SEMIDOW, Electro-engineer~~

ii) BRIESEN

~~(Col) FALSCHELIDSE, Commandant of Flying Unit~~  
~~(Col) SCHACHREI, " " " " "~~  
~~(Col) POMAKIN, " " " " "~~

iii) ROCHAU

~~(Maj) KASSIMOW, Commandant of Depot~~  
~~(Maj) KOWADNIKOW, OC S.A.F. Unit~~  
~~(Col) BABASCHKIN, Political Officer of KEO~~

(b) German engineersi) ZENTRALE SONDERBAUBÜRO POTSDAM (Z.S.B.B.)

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~~\* NEUMANN, Head of Z.S.B.B.~~  
~~\* MITSCHKE, Technical Director~~  
~~\* REICHE, Head of Planning Department~~  
~~\* DENSTORF, Head of Airfield Construction Department~~  
~~\* THOMAS, Specialist engineer for water supply installations~~  
~~\* SCHULZE, Personnel Chief.~~

ii) SONDERBAUBÜRO LÜCKENWALDE

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~~\* SCHRÖDER, Head of S.B.B.~~  
~~\* MIELKE, Chief Engineer~~  
~~\* REITER, Construction and supplies engineer~~  
~~\* BECKER, engineer~~  
~~\* KETTNER, engineer~~  
~~\* LITZOW, Chief Engineer on JÜTERBOG~~  
~~\* ROSSA, Engineer on JÜTERBOG~~

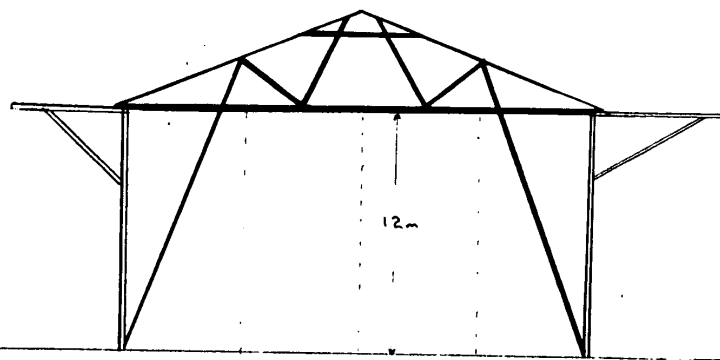
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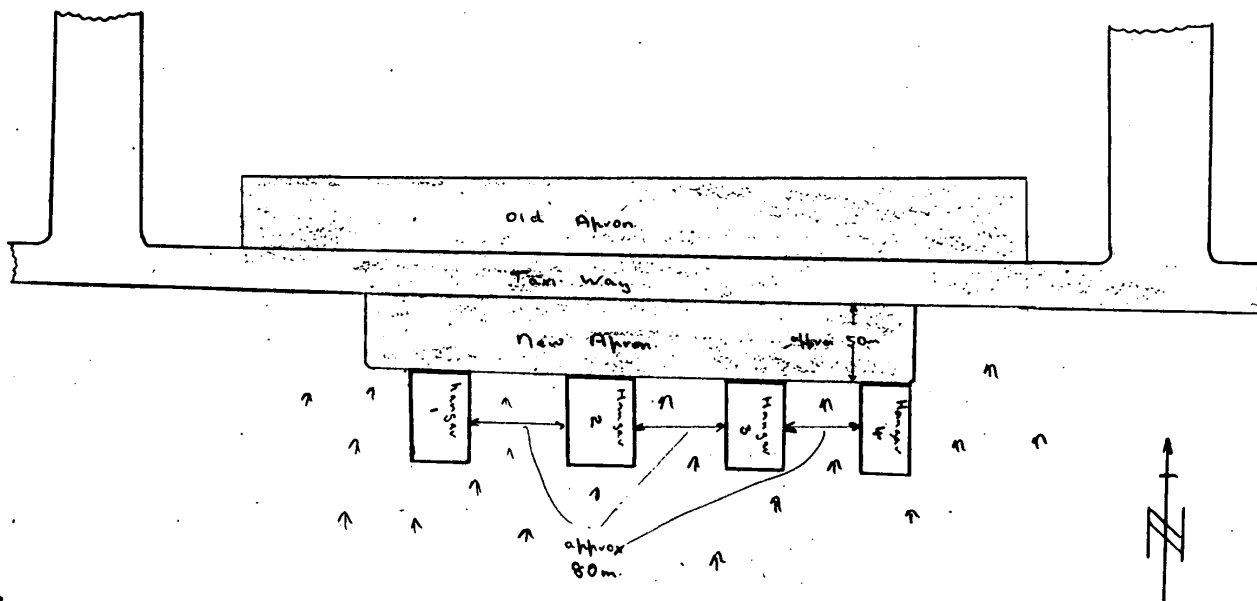
New Hangar Site on Briesen Airfield

APPENDIX A



SIDE VIEW

Hangar floor space 34 x 42m



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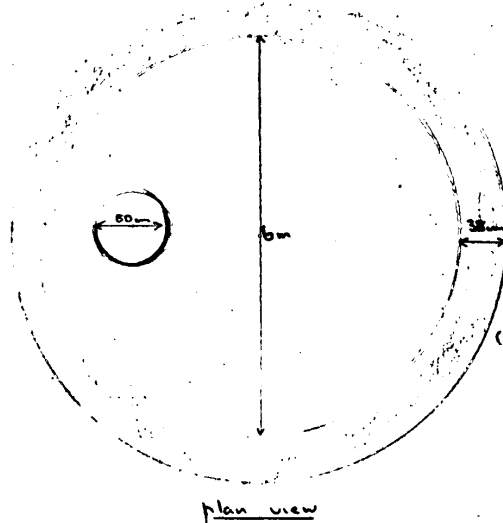
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APPENDIX B

Water Storage Containers.



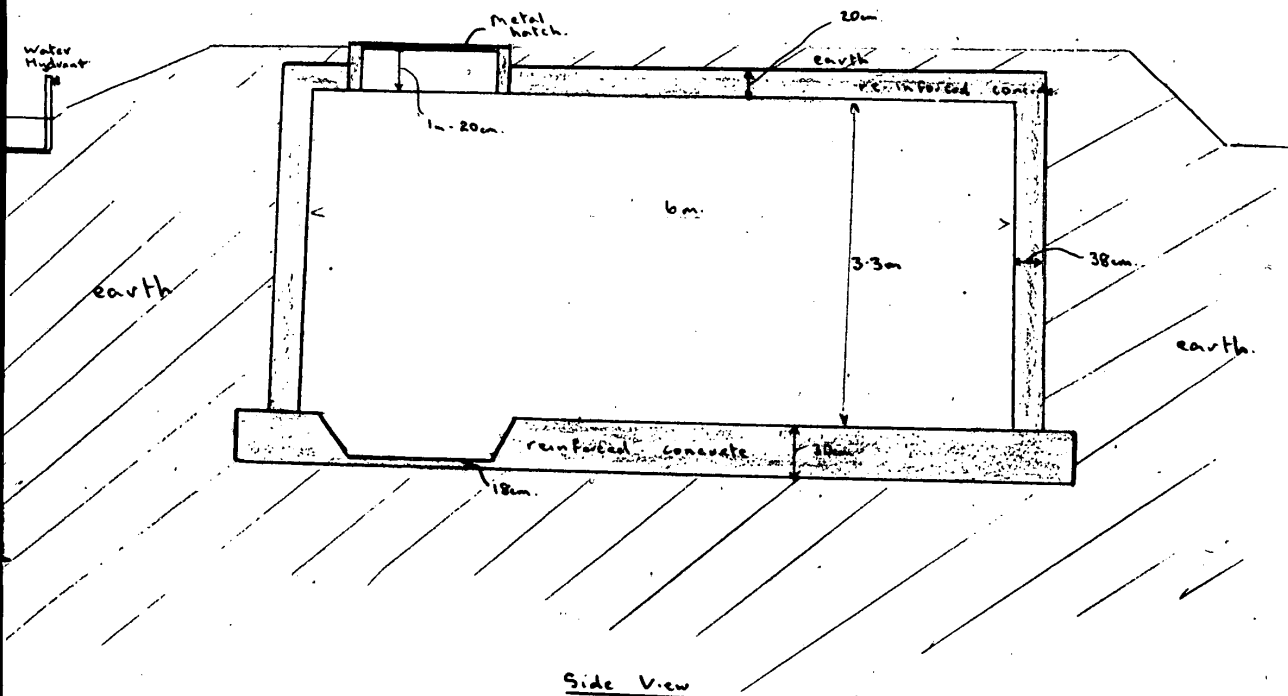
plan view

(i) Each Tank:

6m diameter  
3.3 m deep  
reinforced concrete throughout  
base 30cm thick  
walls 38cm "  
roof 20cm "

(ii) No direct water connection.

(iii) Tanks have 2 inner coats  
of asphalt like lining



Side View

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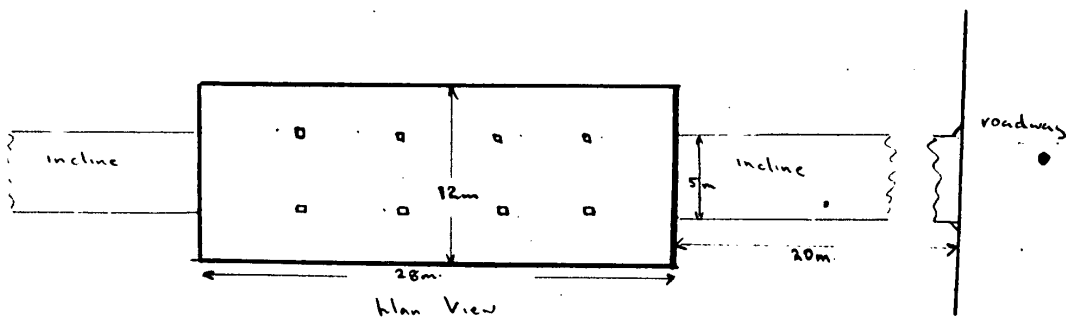
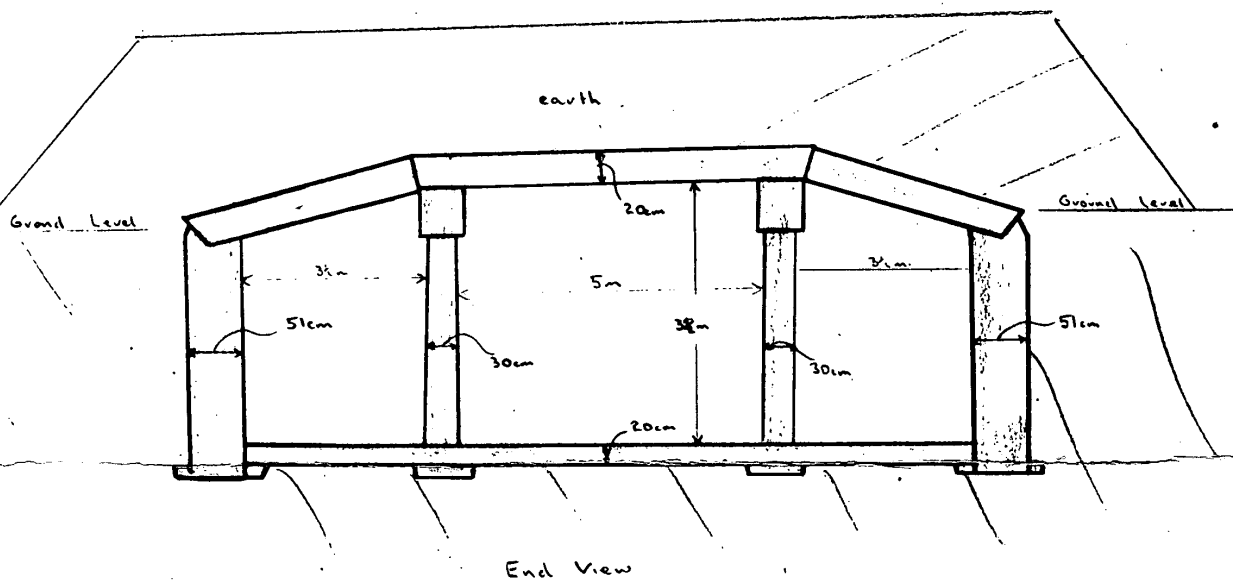
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APPENDIX "C"

BRIESEH AIRFIELD

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Concrete Ammo Storage Shelters



Notes:

- 1 No doors to be fitted
- 2 Bunkers 35m apart either side of roadway.
- 3 Water hydrant near each bunker.

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